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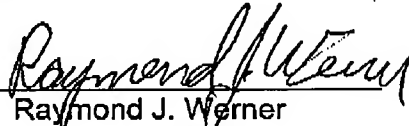
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RESPONSE and AMENDMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action of 16 September 2004.

Presented below, and beginning on separate sheets, are various sections, including, a Claim Amendments section, and a Remarks section.